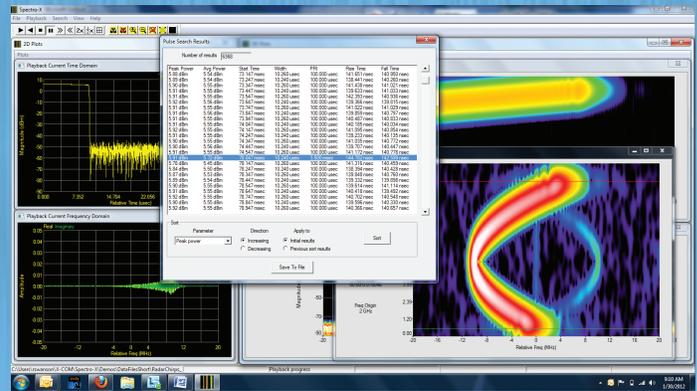




Bird[®]

Spectro-X

Signal Analysis Toolkit



The RF Experts

Spectro-X is versatile software that allows users to visualize and analyze up to four recorded RF signal simultaneously. It is a valuable tool for system and test engineers developing and analyzing conventional and AESA radar, ELINT, SIGINT, ECM, ESM, multi-channel communications, telemetry, and MIMO systems.

Using the comprehensive set of tools available within Spectro-X requires no programming and can dramatically reduce the time needed to find and analyze RF anomalies and quantify signal behavior over time.

Recordings can be from microseconds to days in duration. Signals can be captured over the air using an IQC5000B or IQC91000A Signal Record and Playback Systems as well as recordings made using other systems. Playback files can contain recorded signals or signal files created in The Mathworks' MATLAB[®] or other popular 3rd party VSA software

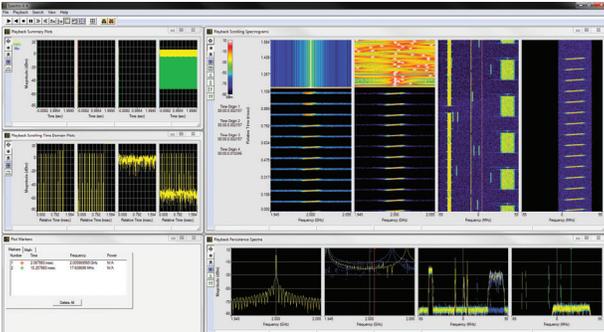
Three discrete search engines (carrier, arbitrary waveform, and pulse), within Spectro-X allow users to "zoom in" to specific sections of capture files in frequency, time, or both to locate signals of interest. Results in frequency and time are displayed graphically simultaneously. Selected portions of large recordings can be exported in file formats usable by vector signal analysis software for demodulation and detailed analysis. Spectro-X can operate on signal files of unlimited size and duration.

Pulse waveforms can be characterized by their rise and fall times, pulse width, pulse repetition interval, peak and average power, and carrier frequency. Spectro-X, when used with the Graphical RF Signal Editor software, allows users to edit signal data, insert new spectra and waveforms, modify spectrum in the frequency domain, and combine signals to create complex spectra with any combination of any type of signals. The system allows users to create a dynamic spectrum environment that can contain one, dozens or even hundreds of different signals.

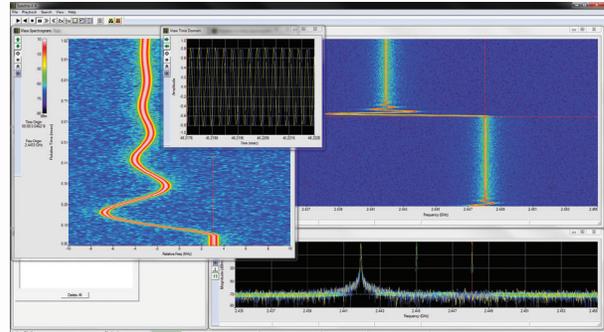
FEATURES

- Simultaneously view and analyze up to 4 signal files (channels), with each channel displayed in frequency, time, and magnitude plots chosen by the user.
- Play back all or a portion of a file.
- Files can be played forward or backward, paused, or stepped in any direction with adjustable playback speed.
- Visualize the amplitude summary of entire capture files.
- Zoom into specific portions of a file to quickly identify time segments of interest for analysis.
- No limitation on file duration
- Single or multiple display environment.
- User-adjustable channel playback time offsets with sub-sample precision.
- Unlimited number of user-placed and adjustable measurement markers (crosshair or plot-spanning) per plot. User can link markers in common domains across plots within channels.
- User-defined marker math to measure time and frequency differences within or between channels.
- Static time domain or spectrogram plot can be viewed at any marker location.
- Files can contain IRIG-B and GPS time and position stamps.
- Zoom within any plot applies to all other plots in that channel.
- Zoom parameters can be applied to single or multiple channels.
- View Spectrogram and View Time Domain Plots windows provide high-resolution snapshot of transient events .
- Pulse Search characterizes the pulse trains using pulse descriptor words (PDW).
- Carrier searches can be used to identify all stationary carriers over a specified time range.
- Arbitrary Waveform Search will identify unique waveforms from a single reference or a library of signals.
- Accommodates capture-on-trigger files with time discontinuities in the file.
- Support for multiple input and export file types.

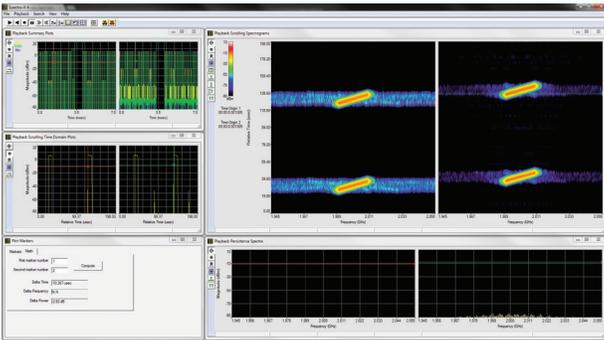
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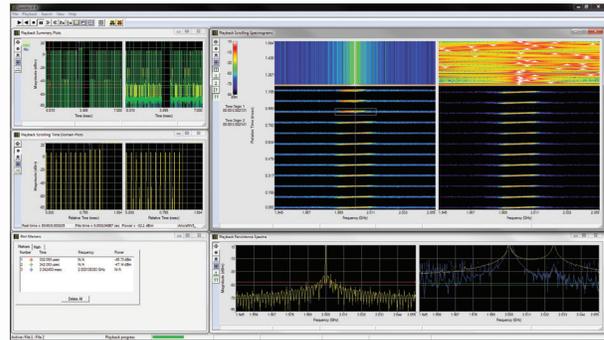
Simultaneously view and analyze up to four signal files (channels). The user can choose frequency, time, and magnitude plots for each channel.



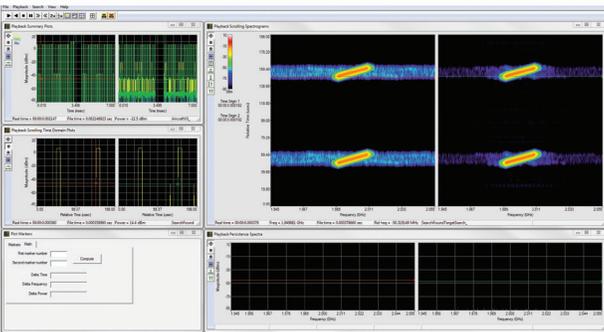
Spectrogram time windows positioned in time and frequency by marker placement. View Spectrogram and View Time-Domain Plots provide high-resolution, with finely detailed snapshots of transient events.



Before playback offset (measured channel 1 to channel 2 time offset of 10 μ s).

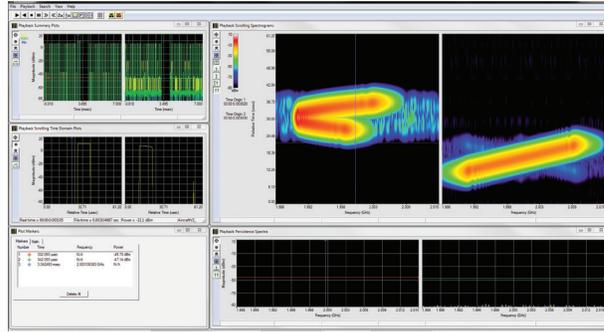


Before Zoom



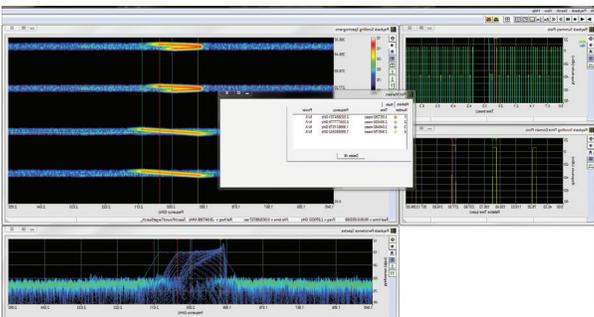
After channel 2 playback offset of 10 μ s.

User-adjustable channel playback offsets provide subsample precision.

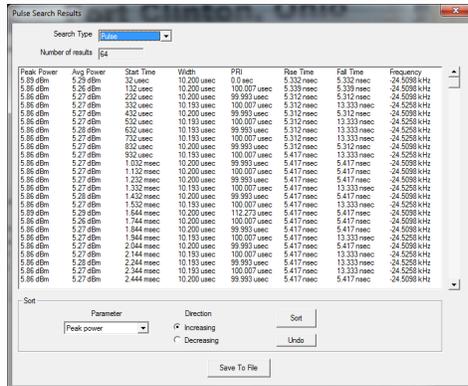


After Zoom

Zoom within any plot applies to all other plots in that channel. Zoom to examine waveforms in greater detail. Zoom parameters can be applied to single or multiple channels.



User-defined marker math allows time and frequency differences to be measured within or between channels.



Pulsed waveforms can be searched for and characterized by their rise and fall times, pulse width, pulse repetition interval, peak or average power, or carrier frequency.



Discrete search engines are available for locating carrier, wireless standard, and arbitrary waveforms.

SPECTRO-X SPECIFICATIONS

CARRIER SEARCH

Types CW and stationary modulated carriers.

Options Power: \geq dBm, dB above noise floor. RBW: auto select, user-selectable. Search windows: Start time, stop time relative to start time.

Results Number of matches, carrier frequency, bandwidth, start time, duration, power, save results. Prune results: from saved results file, next search. Prune IF (matching carrier): frequency, bandwidth, start time, duration, or power (\geq or \leq user-specified value), inside or outside user specified range.

WAVEFORM SEARCH

Types Search against a library of user-defined reference waveforms, I & Q Time domain matching.

Options Correlation level, high selectivity filter, reference waveform (one or many), frequency shifting modes (auto or manual), time parameters. Reference waveform at f1, capture file at f2, shift (f2-f1). Included Waveforms EDGE, IEEE-802.11 a/g, LTE, normal, extended prefix, 1.4, 3, 5, 10, 20 MHz.

Results Number of matches, carrier frequency, start time, confidence, Waveform File.

PULSE SEARCH

Types Search and quantify pulsed waveforms in capture file.

Options Detection threshold power level, start and stop time for search, compute pulse frequencies, smoothing number of points.

Results Peak power, average power, start time in file, width, PRI, rise time, fall time (10% to 90% referenced to detection threshold power level, phase, frequency. Sort results by any results parameters. Prune results: from saved results file, next search. Prune (matching pulse): peak power, average power, start time, width, PRI, and frequency (\geq or \leq user-specified value), inside or outside user specified range).

ZOOM FUNCTIONS

Analysis windows Left mouse click and drag to define zoom box, expand X and Y axes to limits of box, zoom/unzoom and plot type.

Playback input Zoom box defines start and stop times of next file playback.

PLOT TYPES

Playback time overview Magnitude versus time, for entire file.

Scrolling time domain Magnitude versus time, for current playback view.

Current time domain Magnitude versus time, phase versus time, unwrapped phase versus time, imaginary versus time, real and imaginary versus time.

Scrolling or static spectrogram Time versus frequency with color-coded power, time in vertical access waterfall display with most recent time on top, power displayed as color gradient, user-selectable range of power display.

Persistence spectrum Visual accumulation of magnitude versus frequency over time, user-selectable persistence decay rate (infinite, slow, medium, fast).

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SPECTRO-X SPECIFICATIONS CONTINUED

FILE PLAYBACK

Direction and speed	Playback time overview, play, reverse, stop, jump, double speed, half speed. Minimum time increment (441 x sample rate).
Time and scaling	Program auto-select or user selectable playback start and stop times, time increment, jump time, spectrogram Y axis plot size, persistence spectrum Y axis plot size. Frequency domain plots (upper and lower frequency limits, absolute or relative center and span, number of points between limits). Resolution bandwidth and resolution time width, magnitude (maximum and minimum values).

DATA ACCESS

Input	.xdat, .xiq, .bin, .tiq, .siqd, .wav and columnar ASCII (.txt or .csv)
Save and copy	Search results, program setup, intermediate spectrogram, persistent spectrums. Copy and plot any main window as JPG file.
Export	.xdat, .xiq, .bin, .tiq, .wav, .txt and .mat with selectable time parameters, filtering, frequency shifting, and/or decimation.
HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS	Windows 7 PC (64-bit), 120 Mbytes available on OS drive (>100 GB recommended for storage of playback files), 2GB RAM minimum.

RELATED BIRD PRODUCTS

IQC5000B Record and Playback System

The IQC5000B series is the smallest, lightest, best-performing system available for the capture and replay of RF and microwave signals. Up to 255 MHz of record and playback bandwidth per channel, the IQC5000B can meet recording needs from HF to millimeter wavelengths in mission-critical applications.

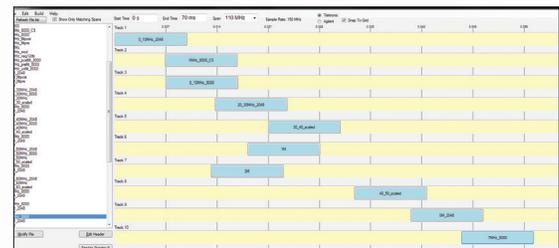
IQC91000A Record and Playback System

With its 12 bit fidelity, the IQC91000A can continuously record 90 minutes of 1000 MHz wide waveforms to ensure designers capture transient and unexpected events.



RF Editor Signal Editing Software

RF Editor is a drag-and drop graphical editing tool that easily modifies I&Q signals of any length and creates entirely new ones. Users can modify and build signal waveforms in the time and frequency domains, make frequency domain signal modifications and move any signal or slice of spectrum anywhere among 10 time-domain tracks in the recording. Snippets of recorded data can be dragged and dropped onto any track and delayed, filtered, and shifted in frequency before playback.



ADDITIONAL SPECTRO-X RESOURCES

- Demonstration videos
- 30-day software trial
- RF Editor RF signal editing software data sheet
- IQC5000B & IQC91000A datasheets